

AUSTRALIA

As a producer and exporter of high-value seafood products, such as rock lobster, prawns and scallops, Australia earns more from seafood shipments than is paid to import seafood products to meet the requirements of the domestic market. Nevertheless, over 50 percent of the seafood consumed in Australia is imported. In 1987-88, Australia's exports were 39,000 tonnes, valued at \$724 million, imports stood at 103,000 tonnes and were valued at \$414 million. During the same fiscal year, apparent per capita fish consumption stood at 17.9 kg.

By far, the major segment of Australia's seafood imports is filleted fish used primarily in the fast-food trade and for the processing of convenience packs and direct sale to the consumer. The major species is hake (Argentina), followed by perch (New Zealand), and some cod, whiting and turbot (U.K., Greenland and Canada). No import duty is imposed on seafood coming into Australia, but all fish must meet mercury level requirements. The only restriction in place bans imports of fresh/frozen salmonids, the flesh of which must be heat smoked to set standards in approved plants. All the Australian companies named below are importers and distributors who maintain the necessary facilities to receive, store and deliver to processors, the catering trade and retail establishments.

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CATALANO SEAFOODS PTY LIMITED
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Products: seafood

CLIVE SMITH COMPANY PTY LIMITED
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Gordon N.S.W. 2072,
Australia
Tel:(02) 498-6388
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Products: seafood

CRAIG MOSTYN CO. PTY LIMITED
P.O. Box 5295,
Sydney N.S.W. 2001,
Australia
Tel:(02) 957-4755
Fax:(02) 957-6864
Products: seafood

EDGEHILL DIV. OF PETERSVILLE LIMITED
10 - 12 Clarke Street
Crows Nest. N.S.W. 2065,
Australia
Tel:(02) 436-8943
Fax:(02) 436-8929
Products: seafood

EUROPA EPIC-CURE PTY LIMITED
17 Kellett Street
Kings Cross N.S.W. 2011,
Australia
Tel:(02) 358-6266
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Products: seafood

I.J. FOODS PTY LIMITED
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Tel:(02) 662-6255
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Products: seafood